

COMMUNICATOR

Community Living Georgina

*Providing supports and services to people with a developmental disability
in the community of Georgina for forty years.*



Member Agency of the
United Way of York Region



Spring 2010

"PRINT MATTERS" FOR MANY REASONS



Crystal Whittle of Hospice Georgina
poses with Elizabeth Young who proudly
delivered copies of their agency newsletter .

“Print Matters” is an entrepreneurial venture initiated on behalf of individuals supported at Community Living Georgina. Our challenge, for many years, has been to provide work opportunities to the people we support, in a community based setting. Living rurally, we face obstacles of accessibility and our ability to provide individualized assistance to those who require it. From another standpoint, as a non-profit service agency that strives to provide information to families and the community, we

also face barriers to providing printed materials to the public at a reasonable cost. In most cases, we require smaller quantities, and technologically advanced printing formats are unavailable to us. With the idea that other charitable agencies and small businesses face much the same challenges, we have introduced Print Matters.

PRINT MATTERS ... because it:

- Provides paid employment opportunities to individuals we support with a developmental disability
- Provides people supported with a link to their community and an ability to contribute
- Provides smaller agencies/businesses their printing services at a reduced cost with fewer hassles.
- Provides a source of income that will assist Community Living in providing awareness information to families in the community.

Print Matters provides a variety of services including: colour copying, folding, compilation, binding and laminating. Services are geared to smaller quantities (1000 or less). If you or someone you know, is interested in utilizing this service, please contact Patti Ferguson, Community Relations at (905) 722-8947 Ext. 309.

Looking to the Future...

Community Living Georgina is pleased to announce that it is currently undergoing the development of a new strategic plan that will provide direction and growth for the future of service provision. In partnership with Tom Little of CMCS Consulting Services, we hope to establish a plan that will assist us to be creative with supports in the face of budget constraints, to provide necessary services to new families, and to ensure quality supports to individuals already



Family Focus Group
Tuesday June 22, 2010
Main Office, Hwy 48/Park Rd.
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Transportation/Respite
Available Upon Request
RSVP Required
Please Contact Patti
(905) 722-8947 Ext. 309

receiving service. Every effort will be made to engage our various stakeholders including: consumers, families, Board Members, staff, and volunteers. We hope to achieve this through surveys and various focus groups. If you are a stakeholder we encourage you to participate in whatever capacity you can. The Family Focus Group has been set for June 22, 2010. Your input is extremely valuable and will help us, as we look forward to the future.

Jumping In . . . With ~~Both~~ (Many) Feet



Thea and Erin take a break

Thea and Erin were just two of many individuals from Community Living Georgina who visited Airborne Trampoline in Newmarket to participate in a wonderful fitness and social opportunity. As noted, the sport of trampoline is one of the absolute best for the development of overall

fitness as it greatly increases body awareness, flexibility, focus/concentration and muscular endurance. The group truly enjoyed the afternoon and are hoping to make it a regular activity. Airborne Trampoline North is located at 1166 Gorham St. in Newmarket and can be reached at (905) 836-9091.

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Got Milk? (Bags)

Lisa Southwood, who attends the Pefferlaw Arts and Craft Club, is in need of milk bags (shown holding). At a recent meeting, Carole Wetheral from Cannington, ON, showed the group how to crochet bedroll mats from plastic milk bags. The mats, when completed, are sent to third world countries and provide protection from moisture and parasites. The process to make the mat is quite lengthy, but Lisa and her support worker Sue Beardmore are up to the challenge. Anyone with bags that they would like to donate can drop them off at the Skills Development Program on Hwy 48 from 8:00 - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

GIVING THE "FOUNDATION" FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

The Foundations Program, which is designed to assist young adults in their transition from school to community-based activities and work, is getting ready to launch a number of workshops designed to enhance skills with the hopes of leading to paid employment. Courses offered will include: rights, self-esteem, values, goal-setting, communication, conflict resolution & problem solving, working in groups and customer service. At the completion of each workshop, participants will receive a certificate of completion and advance to the next segment. The Foundations Program is always looking for employment opportunities, so any help with networking would be greatly appreciated. "No job is too small".

GOVERNMENT SHOULD HONOUR THEIR FUNDING COMMITMENT

In 2007, the government made a modest commitment to the developmental services sector of 2% a year for 4-years. The Ministry of Community and Social Services has recently announced that the 4th year commitment is not forthcoming. At present there are more than 12,000 people waiting for residential supports,

7,000 waiting for other supports and 1,500 parents providing primary care to their sons or daughters with a developmental disability; 80% of these being parents over the age of 70. Based on the premise that the promised funding would be forthcoming, these funds are largely accounted for in the

WANTED

Keswick Day Program
is in need of the
following items

MATERIAL
All types to be used for crafts

**STATIONARY
EXERCISE BICYCLES**
Gently used.

If you know the whereabouts
of any of these items
please contact the
Keswick Day Program
at (905) 476-8203

financial commitments that agencies have already made for the coming year. You can help reinstate much needed funding. Petitions have been placed at our Main Office and Day Program locations. Please take the opportunity to drop in and show your support. We will be presenting them to the York Simcoe MPP Julia Munro.

Keswick Day Program
131 The Queensway South
Keswick, ON

Community Living Georgina
26943 Hwy 48
Sutton West, ON

Adult Development Program
20962 Dalton Rd.
Sutton, ON

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Annual Golf Tournament "FORE" Community Living



Monday June 7, 2010
The Briar's Golf & Country Club
1:00 pm "Shotgun Start"
\$150.00 per player
(Includes green fees, golf cart, dinner and tax
receipt for charitable portion of ticket)



MARK THE DATE
COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
WATCH FOR DETAILS

COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA'S D.A.N.C.E. PRESENTS



"Where friends come together"

OCTOBER 2, 2010
STEPHEN LEACOCK THEATRE, KESWICK
SHOWTIMES AT 1:00 AND 4:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER!

HOWDY*YALL

Please Join
Community Living Georgina
for our 1st Annual
**"Western Family
Roundup"**
Dinner & Dance
Saturday June 19, 2010

Egypt Hall, Sutton
Activities begin: 4:00 pm
Buffet Style Dinner: 6:00 pm
Band: 7:00 pm
\$20.00 adult
\$10.00 children (12 and under)
Featuring entertainment by
Anne Finley and Bar None



**Charity
Bull Ride
4:00 - 8:00 pm**

An all ages Family Event

To purchase tickets call
(905) 722-8947
Proceeds to assist people with a
developmental disability living in the
Town of Georgina